

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 51-93 are pending in this application. Claims 1-50 have been canceled without prejudice. The limitations described in new claims 51-93 are supported by the specification, figures and canceled claims 1-50. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the new claims, and the comments below.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 16-18, 23-25, 35-37, and 48-50 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the suggestion.

Informality Objections

Claims 26 and 38 were objected to because of informalities. This objection is obviated because Claims 26 and 38 have been canceled without prejudice.

The 35 USC §102(e) claim rejection

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Woods (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0120535). This rejection is obviated because Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice.

The 35 USC §102(b) claim rejections

Claims 1-4, and 6-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Lewis et al. (U.S. patent no. 5,245,665). These rejections are obviated because Claims 1-4, and 6-15 have been canceled without prejudice.

The 35 USC §103 claim rejections

Claims 19-22, 26-34, and 38-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Lewis. These rejections are obviated because Claims 19-22, 26-34, and 38-47 have been canceled without prejudice.

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Claims 1-4, 6, and 38-47 were rejected under §103 as being unpatentable over Seki (U.S. patent no. 5,677,987). These rejections are obviated because Claims 1-4, 6, and 38-47 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 7-15, 19-22, and 26-34 were rejected under §103 as being unpatentable over Seki in view of Lane (U.S. patent no. 5,910,994). These rejections are obviated because Claims 7-15, 19-22, and 26-34 have been canceled without prejudice.

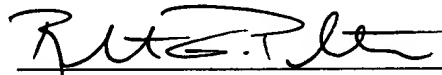
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It respectfully submitted that none of the previously cited prior art, namely, Seki, Lane, Lewis, and Woods, alone or in combination, disclose the system and method as described in new Claims 51-93.

SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing remarks, pending Claims 51-93 are patentable. Applicant requests that a notice of allowance be issued. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite examination and/or allowance of this application.

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